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# Different visions, approaches, models and tools to achieve environmental sustainability in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication

## Draft resolution submitted by the Committee of the Whole

*The United Nations Environment Assembly,*

*Welcoming* the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled "The future we want", in particular paragraph 56, recognizing that there are different approaches, visions, models and tools available to each country, in accordance with its national circumstances and priorities, to achieve sustainable development,

*Noting* paragraph 39 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, which states that we recognize that planet Earth and its ecosystems are our home and that "Mother Earth" is a common expression in a number of countries and regions, and noting also that some countries recognize the rights of nature in the context of the promotion of sustainable development,

*Noting also* paragraph 2 of Governing Council decision 27/8, in which the Council acknowledged that there are different approaches, visions, models and tools developed by States Members of the United Nations in order to achieve sustainable development, and in this regard took note of the approach of living well in balance and harmony with Mother Earth as a holistic and integrated approach to sustainable development that can guide humanity to live in harmony with nature and lead to efforts to restore the health and integrity of the Earth's ecosystems,

*Welcoming* the conceptual framework of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services,

*Taking note* of the declaration of the Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Group of 77 and China, "For a New World Order for Living Well", adopted on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary in Santa Cruz, Plurinational State of Bolivia, on 14 and 15 June 2014,

1. *Requests* the Executive Director to provide a report on the basis of the information resulting from paragraph 3 of Governing Council decision 27/8, and to submit the report to the United Nations Environment Assembly at its second session;

2. *Also requests* the Executive Director to consider organizing a workshop at the second session of the United Nations Environment Assembly about different approaches, visions, models and tools for achieving sustainable development, noting the approach of living well in balance and harmony with Mother Earth, and that, in this context, the workshop will provide recommendations to the Executive Director for appropriate further steps and work;

3. *Requests* the Executive Director to provide guidance and to facilitate, through UNEP Live, the visibility of different visions, approaches, models and tools to achieve sustainable development in accordance with paragraph 2 of Governing Council decision 27/8;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director to take into consideration the different visions, approaches, models and tools referred to in paragraph 3 of the present resolution during the consultation processes for the Global Environment Outlook and UNEP Live;

5. *Encourages* giving appropriate consideration to the issue of harmony with nature in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda;

6. *Invites* countries that wish to do so to implement the living well in balance and harmony with Mother Earth approach in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, according to their national circumstances and priorities.